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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO KYPRIANOU

REF: (A) STATE 74697 (B) STATE 75777

1. FONMIN ROLANDIS CALLED DCM A.M. MARCH 24 TO DISCUSS
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU (REF A).
WE WERE IN RECEIPT OF REF B SO DCM INFORMED ROLANDIS THAT
THERE WAS A MODIFICATION TO TEXT IN LAST PARAGRAPH. NEW
TEXT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAME DAY.

2. ROLANDIS SAID THE PURPOSE OF HIS CALL WAS TO ASK FOR
CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM "NEAR FUTURE" IN THE PARAGRAPH
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER WHICH DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY
OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU IS CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO SEVERAL WESTERN
COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN HIS POLICY ON CYPRUS PROBLEM TO HEADS
OF STATE IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS FOR A FULL
FIVE YEAR TERM. SUCH A TRIP, ROLANDIS SAID, "WOULD NOT BE
MEANINGFUL IF IT DID NOT INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES." IT WAS
IN THIS SENSE THAT GOC WAS ASKING CLARIFICATION OF THE
STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS UNABLE TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU COULD WAIT UNTIL JUNE OR JULY TO BEGIN HIS
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VISITS IF THIS DELAY WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT
CARTER TO SEE HIM.

3. ROLANDIS HAD JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR
DIMITRIOU DESCRIBING A CONVERSATION WITH A STATE DEPART-
MENT OFFICIAL. ACCORDING TO DIMITRIOU, DEPTOFF SAID GOC
SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NO POLICY

OBJECTIONS TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, HIS VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE WAS INDEED THE REASON FOR THE STATEMENT THAT MEETING IS NOT POSSIBLE SOON. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THIS AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN A MEETING COULD BE FIXED.

4. DCM AGREED TO FORWARD FONMIN REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT BUT CAUTIONED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO RECEIVE AN ANSWER. ROLANDIS ASKED THAT GOC BE GIVEN EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE. REVISED TEXT OF LETTER (REF B) WAS DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU MARCH 24.
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